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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York when compared to the previous day's prices. Elsewhere, weekly prices were generally unchanged from last week's values. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to good, mostly moderate to good. Supplies were fully adequate to available on lighter weights, but balanced to sufficient on the larger sizes. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for the mostly fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were adjusted to reflect changes in terms. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to fairly good for post holiday orders. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and usually available for mediums and smalls. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-74	65-71	LARGE	47-55	50
LARGE	63-73	64-67	MEDIUM	16-21	19
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	SMALL	4-6	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady, however some caution was noted. Demand into all outlets was in a full range of light to good, mostly moderate. Supplies were in balance on larger sizes and fully adequate to available on mediums for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for light to normal processing schedules. Light type hens were generally sufficient for the mostly fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-85	73-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was usually moderate to fairly good for post holiday orders. Loose egg sales were moderate. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and usually available for medium and small. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	38.5-47	40-43

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged to higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the fair demand. Light type hens were generally adequate for the mostly fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-79	73-76
LARGE	64-77	71-74
MEDIUM	37.5-45	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was moderate to good, mostly moderate. Supplies were about adequate to available, with mediums in the longest position.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	47-51

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-79	73-75
LARGE	70-75	71-74
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 12% higher than last Monday with California up 13% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer restocking fairly active. Offerings light to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 13% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good due to after holiday restocking and feature activity. Offerings in fair balance. Small benchmark price 55. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	116
EXTRA LARGE	114
LARGE	107
MEDIUM	75

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	249-269		
EXTRA LARGE	219-239		NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	149-239		
MEDIUM	189-205		

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 03, 2004 will decrease by 39 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 26, 2004 were 323,499 cases which was 23 percent above the prior week and 10 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	288,053	35,446	323,499
% change from the prior week.....	+27	-4	+23

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to fully adequate with demand quiet. Bids for additional breaking stock were noted within or below the current quoted range. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	23-28	26-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly higher compared the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of raw materials. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
29-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-14.75 CENTS/LB.	10.25-11.5	11.09

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
29-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.89
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOVEMBER 29, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	SO Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.3	15.5	7.7	13.8	12.6	59.9
	Change	0.2	1.5	1.6	1.8	0.3	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	49.6	9.9	23.2	32.8	141.9
	Change	7.1	14.1	2.9	-0.4	-0.4	20%
Large	Curr Wk	62.3	131.5	60.8	109.6	102.5	466.7
	Change	3.8	32.4	15.4	5.8	16.5	19%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.1	67.0	15.3	23.1	33.7	156.2
	Change	2.1	12.6	-0.4	0.1	0.6	11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	46.3	0.6	6.9	6.4	64.0
	Change	-1.3	31.8	-1.3	0.8	-0.6	85%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.9	32.9	11.7	15.8	7.1	74.4
	Change	-2.4	-0.2	3.7	2.9	1.7	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.7	56.7	16.5	40.2	34.6	164.7
	Change	8.9	21.1	-3.1	4.1	6.5	29%
Total	Curr Wk	143.5	399.5	122.5	232.6	229.7	1127.8
Percent	Change	15%	40%	18%	7%	12%	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of Cooperators</b>	
Shell Egg				1127.8	20%	173	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock				239.2	16%	35	

Total Shell Egg 1367.0 20% 208  
1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 15, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								13.25		FUTURE LOADS								7.00		TOTAL LOADS								20.25	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS											
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GNR W 1	52.00	—	51.50	53.50	—	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	46.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	63.00	—	—	—	—	—	72.00	2.50	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72.00	2.50		
GL W XL	—	—	64.00	66.00	58.90	—	3.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	71.00	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	71.00	1.00		
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	59.50	—	3.00	GL W MD	33.00	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	36.20	5.75	GL W MD	33.00	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	36.20	5.75		
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	25.00	—	4.00																						
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																						
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	18.00	20.00	1.00																						

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/22/04-11/26/04

CURRENT LOADS								41.00		FUTURE LOADS								45.25 <th colspan="8">TOTAL LOADS</th> <td colspan="2">86.25</td>		TOTAL LOADS								86.25																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/22/04	11/15/04	11/24/03
PACIFIC COAST	741	855	99
LOS ANGELES	724	836	51

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are tight on heavier weights, adequate on lighter weights. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89.63
LARGE	87.63
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	42.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 11/29/2004

Report Period: 10/31/2004 - 11/06/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	5,037	5,037
Arkansas	0	0	2,250	2,250
Colorado	0	0	3,884	3,884
Illinois	60	60	0	120
Indiana	0	0	840	840
Iowa	7,502	6,952	53,681	68,135
Minnesota	2,217	420	3,152	5,789
Missouri	0	0	180	180
Montana	0	0	642	642
Nevada	0	0	810	810
Ohio	0	0	1,680	1,680
Oregon	1,958	0	0	1,958
Pennsylvania	800	0	0	800
South Dakota	0	0	2,039	2,039
Texas	0	0	2,030	2,030
Utah	0	0	7,751	7,751
Virginia	0	0	720	720
Washington	1	0	0	1
Wisconsin	0	810	0	810
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,538</b>	<b>8,242</b>	<b>84,696</b>	<b>105,476</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>12,538</b>	<b>8,242</b>	<b>84,696</b>	<b>105,476</b>

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 11/29/2004

Report Period: 11/07/2004 - 11/13/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	694	694
Arkansas	0	0	1,560	1,560
California	0	0	720	720
Colorado	0	0	2,440	2,440
Iowa	5,300	9,056	46,826	61,182
Michigan	0	0	3,826	3,826
Minnesota	4,575	720	6,290	11,585
Missouri	0	0	767	767
Montana	0	0	1,080	1,080
Ohio	0	0	3,340	3,340
Oregon	2,162	1,710	0	3,872
South Dakota	1,590	0	1,401	2,991
Texas	0	0	1,850	1,850
Utah	459	270	6,447	7,176
Wisconsin	0	0	800	800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,086</b>	<b>11,756</b>	<b>78,041</b>	<b>103,883</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>14,086</b>	<b>11,756</b>	<b>78,041</b>	<b>103,883</b>